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THE STATE ELECTIONS

Democrats Claim to Have Secured House of Representatives But Result Doubtful.

Roosevelt Governor of New York the Districts Overcoming the Tammany Majorities.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Chairman Babcock of the Republican congressional committee has just made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"While I am satisfied that the Republicans will control the house of representatives in the 56th congress, it is impossible at this hour to indicate what our majority in the house will be. Thus far we have no definite returns from Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa or Kansas. Unofficial advices from Western states show that we have more than held our own and my conviction is that we shall control the house by a safe majority, probably not far from the figures which I gave out last week."

The figures referred to by Mr. Babcock were contained in his predictions that the Republicans would have a majority over all of about 25.

DEMOCRATS CLAIM CONGRESS. Since early evening Secretary Kerr, of the Democratic congressional committee, and a small corps of political statisticians have been working on returns received at Democratic congressional headquarters. The Associated Press Secretary Kerr said at 1 o'clock:

"The Republicans have lost control of the house of representatives. We will have from 186 to 190 members and will organize the house of the 56th congress. The majority of the opposition will be from 15 to 20 over the Republicans and perhaps more."

ROOSEVELT'S VICTORY. New York, Nov. 8.—Shortly after the polls closed the crowd began to assemble in front of the newspaper offices on Park Row to watch the bulletins announcing the returns, which were flushed at intervals of ten or fifteen seconds. In less than one hour the thoroughfares from Brooklyn bridge entrance to the post office was thronged with men and women. The passage of street cars and mail wagons was blocked by the unusually large assemblage and the police had plenty of work to keep the sightseers from being injured when the vehicles made their way slowly through the cheering mass of humanity.

The earliest returns from the city districts favored Roosevelt and the wearers of the "Rough Riders" button rent the air with yells of victory. A little later when the bulletins announced the plurality in the city proper for Van Wyck and the gain in the adjoining boroughs the Tammany colors took an ing.

The more conservative Democrats watched the teetotal figures as they appeared on the several sheets of canvas and saw that the city vote was behind expectations. A prominent Tammany leader said: "Van Wyck is beaten and New York has defeated him. The vote of the state for Roosevelt will smother our local advantage and I think the Colonel will win by 20,000 at least."

That this man had scrutinized the returns carefully was soon clearly demonstrated when one of the leading Tammany newspapers conceded the victory to Roosevelt by 40,000 plurality. This concession was hailed with delight by the followers of Col. Roosevelt.

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CANADIAN MAIL NEWS

Toronto Athletic Club Again Closed for Lack of Public Support.

A Popular Physician's Funeral—John Thompson's Tomb—In a Trance.

Halifax, Oct. 31.—A very handsome stone is to be erected to the memory of the late Sir John Thompson in Holy Cross cemetery, from design made by Phillippe Hebert, the well-known Canadian sculptor. The sarcophagus will be a massive affair, and will be made from a solid block of granite weighing eight tons. The contract was let by tender. The tomb will be of cruciform shape. It was the intention to have placed at one of the ends a large bronze medalion of the late distinguished statesman, surrounded by maple leaves, but it was found that the green mould from the bronze would deface the polished granite, and that part of the design will not be carried out. It is hoped to have the sarcophagus finished before the end of the year. When dressed it will weigh seven tons. It will be eight feet long and five feet wide. The entire tomb will be polished with the exception of the base, which will be a massive cross cut from the marble, extending from one end of the tomb to the other. The structure will be about four feet high, including base.

INDIANA. Indianapolis, Nov. 8.—This state is Republican by about 10,000. Overstreet's election to congress is conceded.

KANSAS. Des Moines, Nov. 8.—One hundred and thirteen precincts in Iowa give Dobson, Republican, 13,079; Porter, Democrat, 7,847.

Twenty congressional district gives in 23 precincts Henderson, Republican, 2,363; Howell, Democrat, 438; 4th district, 16 precincts, Haugen, Republican, 2,399; Blawie, Democrat, 1,026.

The chairman of the Republican state committee says the state has gone Republican by 50,000.

MARYLAND. Kansas elects a Republican governor by 5,000.

MASSACHUSETTS. Baltimore, Nov. 8.—The Democrats have gained two congressional districts in Maryland.

BOSTON. Boston, Nov. 8.—Wolcott, Republican for governor, has from 55,000 to 60,000 plurality.

The Republicans elect 10 out of 13 congressmen.

MICHIGAN. Detroit, Nov. 8.—The Republicans elect 10 out of 12 congressmen with in another congressional district the Republican leading but the vote close.

MINNESOTA. St. Paul, Nov. 8.—The Republicans seem to have carried the state for governor by about 3,000, though Fusionists claim the election of Lind.

MISSOURI. Kansas City, Nov. 8.—The count will probably not be finished before daylight, but the Democratic county ticket is elected.

MISSOURI. St. Louis, Nov. 8.—Full returns give the entire Democratic ticket 533 majority in Missouri in Mississippi county.

The legislature will be Democratic by 35 to 30 majority. The Democrats claim 13 out of 44 congressmen.

NEBRASKA. Lincoln, Nov. 8.—At midnight chairman Slaughter, of the Republican state committee, said: "We have elected the entire Republican ticket by a plurality of not less than 30,000, and possibly to exceed 50,000. We will have a majority of the legislature on joint ballot and will elect a Republican United States senator to succeed Senator Allen."

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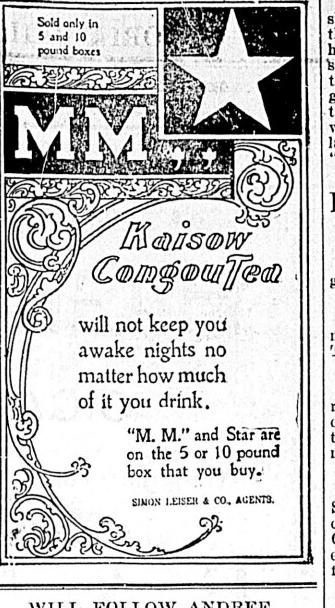
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Souigny fears delay owing to the slowness of the builders. He dreads the long time which must elapse before his balloon can go up. He is eager to start, but his friends console him by the thought that it would be more glorious to wait until the Paris exposition, when he could return in triumph with the exposition at its height, and label the great airship with the words, "Returned from the north pole."

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

HUGH RYAN RECOVERING.

Toronto, Nov. 8.—Hugh Ryan is progressing nicely toward recovery.

REVENUE INCREASE.

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—Receipts for the four months show an increase of \$3,500,000. The expenditures increased \$581,000.

SICAMOUS BRIDGE.

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—At a meeting of the railway committee to-day, the C. P. R. consented to leave the committee to determine whether the draw in the Sicamous bridge should be 50 or 60 feet.

COL. STRAUBENZIE DEAD.

Kingston, Nov. 8.—Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzie died to-night. The deceased, who was a cousin of Sir Richard Cartwright, the deputy adjutant-general in the Canadian militia service from 1872 to 1893.

GIRL THREEVES.

Montreal, Nov. 8.—Two Montreal girls, aged 10 and 16 years, respectively, have been arrested on a charge of stealing diamonds worth \$1,000 from the jewellery store of R. A. Dickson on St. Catharine street.

STILL BRERATNB WAR.

St. John, N.B., Nov. 8.—The British cruiser Cordelia, it is understood, will be ordered to this port to remain here during the winter. She will hold herself in readiness to scour the Grand Banks for the enemy's shipping if war should be declared.

MONTRAL HARD UP.

Montreal, Nov. 8.—The city is threatened with an epidemic of disease because the health committee having exhausted its resources has stopped the scavenging until the beginning of the year. Householders and others having garbage to remove will have to make private arrangements for its removal for the next two months at least, for a request for money to continue the city service has been refused.

Among this year's Princeton students is Kim Sung Suri, a graduate of Rose College, the first Korean to take a B. A. degree.

The marble fountain that Emperor William purposes to erect in Constantinople to commemorate his visit there is to be of his own design.

The wife of Mr. Dawkins, the new finance minister of India, is like the wife of Lord Curzon, the viceroy, an American. She is a cousin of our Ambassador in Europe.

HOME WORK FOR FAMILIES.

We want to find a number of families to knit for us at home, while or spare time. We furnish \$20 machine and supply the yarn free, and pay for the work as sent in. Distance no object; \$1 to 10 per week made, according to time devoted to the work. Write at once. Name references. Co-Operative Knitting Co., Toronto.

DIED.

NEILL—On the 7th Inst., Elizabeth, beloved wife of Archibald Neil, and mother of William and Thomas, all of the Colonial Office and George Neil, of the Government Printing office, aged 51 years, a native of Elderslie, Scotland. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Funeral will leave the late residence, Orchard street, at 2:15, Thursday. Toronto papers please copy.

Maynard—At Dawson City on Oct. 18, 1898, Charles Maynard, aged 34 years.

SMITH—At Southam, on or about October 1, 1898, Henry Smith, son of George E. and Elizabeth Smith, a native of Victoria, aged 26 years.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from the parents' residence, corner of Government and John streets, and at St. John's church at 3 o'clock.

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WANTED—A person to invest in a money-making enterprise; an established business; must have thorough business education; quick returns for money invested. Address for further particulars to Agent.

WANTED—Fresh enlaid cow. Send particulars to Y. Colonist office.

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WANTED TO PURCHASE—Location suitable for a printing plant. Apply Box 109, Vancouver.

A FEAST FOR THE CRITICAL,
Miss Armon's Charming Recital at Institute Hall—St. James' Church Entertainment.

Such an entertainment as cannot but fill the general auditor with enthusiasm, while it wins the most cordial approbation of the critical, was the recital given at Institute hall last evening by Miss Lillian Armon, assisted on this occasion by Mr. Gideon Hicks (baritone) and an excellent male voice quartette, composed of Messrs. Cave, Wood, Raynes and Hicks; Mr. E. H. Russell as accompanist having a no less important although a less conspicuous part in the evening's success.

Miss Armon, somewhat to the regret of her musical friends, confined her contributions to the programme to a cloistered number in every case but one, in which she was forced to advantage in a duet with Mr. Hicks, "Gently Sighs the Breeze" (Glover), being the chosen selection. In her recitations Miss Armon once again demonstrated the exceptional versatility of her talent, and her marked ability to throw herself with abandonment of self into the spirit of her characterization. Her programme of readings last night included the "Kissing Cup Race" (Campbell Rae-Brown), "Patsy," E. M. Lane's "Fable for Critics," a strong dramatic scene from "The Merchant of Venice," a selection from "Other People's Children," and "The Bewitched Cock," concluding with "The British Flag," a patriotic request number.

Mr. Hicks was in admirable voice, and his two solos, "The Bandolero" (Leslie Stuart) and the familiar but ever delightful "Honors and Arms," from Handel's "Samson," were received with deserved appreciation. The quartette were equally fortunate in pleasing the audience of the evening, each of the selected numbers eliciting encore numbers which were generously accorded. The entertainment was under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Melmes and the audience was one of the most select and fashionable of the present musical season.

Institute hall will no doubt be crowded to the doors this evening, the occasion being the sale of work given by the ladies of St. Andrew's (R.C.) cathedral. Everything is in readiness and a pleasant evening is promised to all who attend. There will be an orchestral promenade concert and at intervals during the evening the following programme will be rendered.

Selection—"Memories of Venice," Romano Regina Mandolin and Guitar Club. Vocal Solo—White Miss S. McNuff. Quartette Singing by "The Big Four."—Messrs. Schell, Leroy, Jones and Finn. Recitation—"May Promises," Con. Murphy. Vocal Solo—"The Children's Home," Handley. Mr. James' Piping. Selections—Selected Regina Mandolin and Guitar Quartette.

The second of a series of ten-cent concerts was given in St. James' hall, James Bay last evening and was largely attended and very successful. The programme consisted of the following numbers: Solo, Mr. George J. Burnett; tableau, "Afternoon Tea," the three little Misses Vincent and Miss Nora Lugin; song, Miss Jameson; reading, Mr. Finch-Smiles; song, Miss Hibben; song, Mr. Barton; tableau, "Fortune Telling," Miss Nicholls, Miss Nellie Lugin, Mr. Trimen and Miss Walker; song, Mrs. Rickaby; piano solo, Miss Agnes Russell; duet (with guitar accompaniment), Miss Lugin and Miss Louise Lugin, and tableau set to music representing the days of the week. All the numbers were encored. The pantomime work and recitations by Mr. Finch-Smiles were exceptionally good.

THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

Composition of the Sub-Committees and Time and Places of Meetings.

Several of the sub-committees of the Citizens' Committee of 1897 are yesterday and today meeting their various sub-committees. No. 2 on idleness qualifications, terms of office, duties and wards will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the office of Messrs. MacGregor and Richards. No. 3 on education will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the office of Mr. A. S. Potts conducted the prosecution, Mr. Geo. Powell and Mr. E. Powell appearing for the defence.

The J. B. A. A.—The following gentlemen were elected members of the J. B. A. A. last evening: G. Wilson, C. H. Cookson, A. Maclean and T. C. Boulton. Arrangements are being made for the continuance of the usual whist tournaments, and the club is so fortunate as to have a conductor of these tournaments, Mr. Piper, who has also kindly undertaken the formation of a chess club in connection with the association. The inauguration of the much talked of mock parliament will soon be effected, it being understood that the "Lieutenant-governor" has already called on one of the members to form a cabinet and assemble parliament immediately thereafter. The basketball team is practicing nightly, and will be in excellent form for their opening match at the drill hall on Friday next, when they meet a team from No. 3 Company.

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Several months ago Mr. Arthur Brown was through the Kootenays looking for zinc ores. Mention was made of the fact at the time, but very little information was given out to the press by Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown arrived in Nelson last week and to a Miner representative object of his search was generally known that Mr. Brown was in Kootenay looking for zinc ores, but there has been some misapprehension as to the object of his mission. Mr. Brown said that though he had been looking for some bearing ores, yet contrary to the supposition of many, it was not zinc he desired to buy. The fact of the matter was that the company he represented controlled the new process by means of which could be extracted from zinc dust as easily as from lead. Mr. Brown declined to describe the process, contenting himself with saying that it was a smelting process, known as the "smelt" and that though zinc was used as a flux, the metal known to him as zinc, was not.

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Mr. Brown has entered into several provisional contracts for large amounts of ore, and the only thing that remains to be settled is the freight rates and the exact amount of what the new industry should attain large proportions. It is the intention of the company to have the ores sampled at the nearest sampling works and the results of the ore given after deducting freight and treatment charges, which will then be paid in cash at current English prices to the mine owners. This will be a great help to property owners without much capital, as at present they have to wait some time before getting the full returns.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

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Service of Song.—There was a good attendance at the service of song given last evening by the choir of St. John's church, under the direction of Mr. R. Ross Munro. The service was a full musical one, and was a success in every way.

Not Yet Finished.—The Owens assault case was continued last night in the provincial police court, and when adjournment was reached at 11:15 there were still quite a number of witnesses left to examine. The hearing was adjourned till this evening at 7:30.

Ploughing Matches.—The farmers are taking great interest in the annual match of the Vancouver Island Ploughing Association, which is fixed for Saturday next and will take place near Sidney on Mr. Joseph John's place. There are three classes of matches, the entry fee being \$5 for professionals, \$3 for amateurs and \$3 for novices. The ploughing starts at 9 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m.

Met to Organize.—A meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Port street, last evening, when the intermediate basketball league was organized. A constitution was adopted, and the meeting was adjourned till next Tuesday, before which date teams desirous of entering the league should apply to W. P. Marchant, who was appointed secretary pro tem. There were three clubs represented last night and there is a probability of two or three others entering the league. At the next meeting the schedule will be drawn up and final arrangements made.

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Capital Interested.—Passengers by the steamer Rosalie, arriving from the North yesterday morning, report the rumor in circulation when they left Atlin City on the 25th October that a London syndicate locally represented by Col. Pieres had acquired many acres of auriferous gravel in the neighborhood of Pine and spruce creeks on which they proposed to start hydraulic mining operations in the spring. In all some 2,400 acres are said to have been brought under the syndicate's control, in the Pine creek canyon but not conflicting with either the creek or the dry bench diggings.

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Barracks Perjury Case.—The charge of perjury brought by Mrs. Keats against Mrs. Nunn came up again yesterday afternoon in the provincial police court. As will be remembered this case grew out of the charge brought by Mrs. Nunn against the present prosecutor of using threatening language. The words which Mrs. Nunn declared that Mrs. Keats had used were stated by witnesses at the trial never to have uttered—hence the present perjury case. Yesterday was taken up in hearing the case for the prosecution. Messrs. Pearson and McMickling, justices of the peace, presiding. There was quite an attendance of the friends of both prosecutor and defendant to hear the evidence. The case was further adjourned till next Tuesday. Mr. A. S. Potts conducted the prosecution, Mr. Geo. Powell and Mr. E. Powell appearing for the defence.

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Being of resourceful person, W. J. Bailey, a Whinburn candidate for congressmen at large in Kansas, was not to be stampeded in finding that he had been slated to appear at Yatay's Centre the same day a circus performance was to be given there, thereby securing an audience far larger than would under ordinary circumstances have greeted him.

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DISPOSAL OF CROWN LANDS.

The publication of the notice regarding Crown Land sales having directed attention to that department of the public service, some further discussion of it will be timely. The crown lands of British Columbia form a very valuable asset of the province, but they are of no value unless realized upon. The province cannot pay its debts with land that it will not allow people to purchase. The policy of locking up the public domain in the hands of the Crown is as mischievous as the policy of permitting private individuals to lock it up. If a man who wants a piece of land cannot get it, the result is the same whether it is kept from him by some private speculator or by a public speculator calling itself the government. What we all want to see is the vacant land of the province occupied by people who will utilize it. One hundred and sixty acres of land in a state of nature owned by the Crown is not to be compared in value to one hundred and sixty acres with a man on it who owns it.

The first change which we suggest in relation to the crown lands, is the rescinding of the late notice regarding sales. It is absurd that every man who wants a piece of land should be obliged to lay his whole business before Mr. Semlin, who will discuss it over with his colleagues, and then let him have the land or not, as they may deem expedient. We are utterly opposed to such paternalism. This has hitherto been regarded as a free country, where a man could engage in any business he preferred, so long as it was not contrary to the public interest. This applies to every line of industry. It was right to apply it to the purchase of crown lands. Under the new regime, a man who requires a piece of crown land in order to carry out any business enterprise he may have in hand, must submit his plans to Mr. Semlin and their colleagues. This is un-English and is calculated to repress enterprise, to say nothing of the abuses which such a policy makes possible.

The second change ought to be the prompt repeal of that section of the crown land act, which confiscates one-quarter of a man's property, if he has the supreme hardihood to do something upon it which makes people want to come there and live. This section was inserted in the law in 1896 in response to the clamor of so-called land reformers.

The third change which we suggest is a radical one, namely that every acre of crown land within the province should be open to purchase by the public at public auction. We do not mean that all the crown land should be put up for sale, but that no land should be sold, except to actual settlers under the pre-emption law, except by public auction to the highest bidder, and that any land should be so obtainable on certain conditions.

To carry out such a plan the law would have to be carefully framed so as to prevent the locking up of large areas for speculative purposes. The law would have to be carefully drawn up, and after a good deal of consideration. Simply as an illustration of what we have in mind, and not as a definite conclusion as to the proper details, we suggest that the public domain should be classed under several heads, as follows:

Land for actual use for agricultural purposes.

Land for use for milling purposes.

Land for use for general manufacturing purposes.

Land for townships.

Other classifications might be advisable, but these will do for purposes of illustration. Any person desiring to purchase land for either of the three purposes first above named might do so by application to the department specifying the land required and the purpose for which it was desired. On receipt of such application the department should at once advertise the land for sale for such a purpose to the highest bidder at public auction, giving notice of not less than thirty days, and perhaps even more. An upset price should be fixed, and the purchaser, whoever he might be, should be required to carry out the conditions prescribed by the law in regard to purchases for either of the purposes specified in the application. This would prevent factious opposition to bona fide purchasers.

The conditions of the sale might be as follows: At the time of sale the purchaser should be required to pay a certain proportion of the purchase price, say one-half, and should thereupon receive a permit under which he could enter upon the land and begin his improvements. The permit should be transferable. In the case of agricultural land the purchaser might be allowed, say five years to bring a certain proportion of his land under cultivation or make certain improvements, having a fixed relation to the acreage, and whenever during the five years he was to show that he had done this, he would be entitled to his grant upon paying the balance of the purchase money. In the case of milling or manufacturing

establishments, the condition might be the expenditure of a certain sum per acre in erecting a plant within a specified time, the grant to issue as in the case of agricultural lands.

Such a plan as this would, we submit, prevent the purchase of land for purely speculative purposes, and at the same time give every person, who might bona fide intend to put land to valuable use, an opportunity to acquire all he required, while discouraging more extensive purchases than could be profitably used. It would not be necessary for the intending purchaser to specify the nature of the manufacturing business he intended to carry on, as a general statement would show under what class of conditions the purchase came.

A CONTRAST.

The American illustrated papers contain pictures of the celebrations in Philadelphia and Chicago in honor of peace with Spain. Some may think the festivities a little premature, but the irresistible impulse of the American public to avoid "getting left" will account for almost anything in this way. One of these pictures of the Philadelphia celebration shows Lieut. Hobson being driven in a carriage in a parade and on either side is marching a man with a placard on a stick, announcing who the distinguished occupant of the carriage is. The decorations in both cities were elaborate. The enthusiasm was terrific.

Contrast this with the return of Kitchener and the Guards. The British populace certainly displayed sufficient enthusiasm, but it was purely spontaneous. It was an unrehearsed and wholly popular welcome. There was no reviewing stand, from which the great men of the Guard bowed acknowledgments to the Guards. No one walked in procession with a placard labelled "Kitchener," for the purpose of indicating that distinguished officer, so that the public would recognize him.

The contrast is a marked one. We shall not stop to compare the two campaigns for they are so unlike that comparison would end in confusion. The point upon which it is worth while to speak is the enthusiasm of the Americans. It has certainly been grotesque, but it is very representative of the feeling of the people, who have the most grotesque notions concerning what their army and navy did in the late war. The great mass of Americans think that, since war was first waged on earth, there has been nothing quite as heroic as the exploits of their soldiers and sailors during the rumpus with Spain. This is not unnatural. They are like children with a new toy. This was their first real foreign war, for the squabble with Great Britain in 1812 and the invasions of Mexico could hardly be claimed as foreign wars. The funniest part of the whole business is that the same papers, which now claim the victory over Spain to be the greatest thing ever accomplished, a few months ago were busy endeavoring to demonstrate that Spain was about the weakest power in Christendom. The enthusiasm over which it is impossible not to smile, is a boyish ebullition, but it is through such processions that a self-reliant nation is developed. With our own country it is different. England has fought twenty-four wars with France alone. Almost every year sees soldiers returning to the shores of Britain, who have performed feats of marvelous courage and endurance. The story of one famous achievement has hardly been told before, fast on the heels of it, comes another. The swamps of West Africa, the plains of Zululand, the mountain heights of the Himalayas, the deserts of the Soudan, these and so many other places, that no one will pretend to recall half the names, have shed new lustre on British arms within the memory of boys now at school. Almost every social circle in the Three Kingdoms has one or more heroes of as gallant feats as that for which half the girls in the United States have tried to kiss Hobson. The difference between the two countries is like that between a young lawyer, who has won his first case, and a veteran at the bar.

The Countess of Aberdeen has shown herself to be a strong personality, and her influence has been greatly for the good of the people. It is impossible to come in contact with her and not be impressed by her sincerity and devotion to good works. The movements with which she identified herself were all for the betterment of mankind, and the stimulus which her presence and work in Canada gave to reforms of various kinds will be lasting.

The official stay of such distinguished people, animated by qualities of so high an order, has had in Canada a highly beneficial effect in more ways than can very well be mentioned. In a comparatively new country like our own, where people from one grade of society are constantly passing into other grades, the example of right living and broad Christian fellowship set by Lord and Lady Aberdeen can hardly fail to be instrumental in doing much good.

The people of Victoria, who on the two occasions on which they visited the city came to know them very well, have only the most pleasant memories of their official career, and we feel that we voice the sentiment of all in expressing the hope that health, long life and prosperity may be theirs.

CANADA AND THE WEST INDIES.

There is considerable talk in Eastern Canada and in Jamaica about the annexation of that island and the other British possessions in the West Indies. We are inclined to doubt the expediency of any other political connection between these portions of the Empire than now exists. If it would be of any advantage to both regions to remove all trade barriers between them, this, we suppose, could be done as readily without any political change as with one. It could hardly serve any special good purpose to the West Indies to have their affairs administered from Ottawa, or to be of any advantage to Canada to have representatives from the islands accorded a voice in the making and administration of our laws. There may be reasons for such a union that have not yet suggested themselves to us, but at present we feel in-

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deal of activity in interior Alaska. The developments on the tributaries of the Yukon below Dawson are very promising. By the way, can anyone tell us whether Kuyukuk is in Alaska or Canada? Such descriptions of the locality as we have received leave the matter in doubt.

MINE INSPECTION.

The Miner desires to direct the attention of the provincial government to the verdict of the jury in the inquest as to the cause of the recent disaster at the Sunset No. 2 mine, wherein it is suggested that the act regulating the inspection of metalliferous mines be more rigidly enforced. The recommendation of the jury is quite in keeping with the facts of the case. This must not be construed in any way as a reflection on the manner in which Mine Inspector McGregor performs the duties of the office, but rather a suggestion that more inspectors be employed. Under present conditions the work of inspecting all the metalliferous mines of British Columbia, devolves upon one man. This is a great deal upon one man. There is a great need for assistant inspectors, and the government should lose no time in appointing at least one more. In so doing it would be well to provide that one of the two inspectors should devote himself entirely to the Rossland camp, where the large number of working mines demand constant vigilance on the part of the mine inspector—Rossland Miner.

BOUDNARY CREEK.

The opening of branch offices of the Bank of British North America and the Bank of Commerce at Greenwood, the other day, is very acceptable as the best evidence that the Boundary Creek country has reached a stage of development that justifies extensive industrial operations on a permanent basis. For the last two or three years Greenwood has been the centre of a mineral district where much development work has been done. The discovery there of enormous copper and copper-gold deposits has encouraged extensive operations. The result in almost every instance has proved very satisfactory. It is known that there are a number of properties in the neighborhood that are already of great value, and there is not the slightest doubt but that they would be yielding handsome dividends were it not for the absence of adequate freight and treatment facilities. The time is near at hand, however, when the Boundary Creek country will enjoy all the advantages of direct railway communication with this city and the Kootenay smelters. Almost immediately following this Greenwood should become a place of considerable industrial and commercial importance and one of the richest of the many camps tributary to Rossland—Rossland Miner.

SIR WILFRID'S BOSSSES.

Sir Wilfrid is probably taking notice in these autumnal days when all things point toward sadness and invite melancholy of the peculiar circumstance that it is the ministers he brought in from outside his old parliamentary following to "strengthen the government" who have raised up for him enemies in all the four corners of his bailiwick. There were grumblers against the astute Mr. Blair to be heard in New Brunswick, before he got well accustomed to his missing Tory employees from the service of the Intercolonial. The ingratitude of the "Old Rouses" of the province toward the gentlemen who had taken upon their shoulders the responsibilities and, incidentally, the privileges of performing their share in the government of this country, is too recent and was too long-tongued to be forgotten already. Then when a good Liberal wishes to express his dissatisfaction with the feeble attempt made by his government to "reform the tariff" he seldom fails to remind the recipient of his woeful wailings of the dark fact that the finance minister, who is to blame for it all, was a newcomer, and knew nothing of the long years of agitation and denunciation which preceded the accident of '96.

And now we have the western revolt against Mr. Sifton, the newest of the newcomers. We simply do not know Mr. Sifton down here well enough to say half the things against him which are being printed from day to day in the Liberal papers of the West. Yet we are not wholly unacquainted with him. Something was learned of his notions of good government when he proposed his famous Teslin Lake railway scheme which was to give away the Klondike goldfields in a farcical payment for a railway that did not run anywhere near them. Then, again, we are now learning something of his ideas about the government of a gold mining region, and his conception of the proper kind of officials to send to such a district to keep order and administer the law. It was his idea, we presume, that it would preserve the impartiality of his officials—a quality exceedingly desirable under the circumstances—if he permitted them to take up mining claims and join in the tussle they were liable to experience. So we Easterners know a little of him; but apparently his political friends in the West know more; and they seem to be inclined to share their knowledge with the rest of us.

All of which may lead Sir Wilfrid to take note of the circumstance that he brought in a good deal of trouble when he strengthened his government from outside his parliamentary party. It may be, of course, that he

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Removal—Dr. A. E. Verrierd, to the corner rooms, Five Sisters block, entrance No. 13, over C.P.P. office.

"Danderline"—Bald heads must go. Sold by C. Kosche, 42 Government street, Victoria, B.C.

Art Squares, Brussels Squares, Wilton Squares and Seamless Tapestry Squares at Weiler Bros.

Prof. Charles Gardner, B.A.—Vocal and instrumental music. Latest European methods. Studio, 55 Five Sisters block.

Messrs. Fred and Percy Richardson will entertain you at Institute hall sale of work Thursday evening.

New Books—"Romance of Canvas Town," Bolderwood; "The Castle Inn," Stanley Weyman; "Hope the Hermit," Edna Lyall; and "War of the Worlds," Wells. The Victoria Book & Stationery Co. (late Jamieson's).

Go to the sale of work at Institute hall next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Excellent entertainment.

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Saturn for the East.—The City of Seattle will this morning take out 1,100 cases of salmon for shipment to Toronto by the N. P. R.R.

Shipment to Kootenay.—Messrs. Wilson Bros. yesterday shipped a carload of groceries to Rossland. Merchants report business in that section very good at present.

Clearing House Returns.—The Victoria clearing-house returns for the week ending yesterday were \$785,185, while for the week previous the figures were \$700,553.

A Second Charge.—The charge against Stacey Coones of assisting two blue-jackets to desert by selling them civilian clothing, was yesterday dismissed by the magistrates in the city police court, there not being sufficient evidence on which to send the case to a jury. A second charge, of having a blue-jacketed man in his possession, has been laid against Mr. Coones. The cap was found in the defendant's store, and bore the name of a sailor who has been missing for six weeks from H. M. S. Leader.

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Basket Ball.—The Wasps and Swifts meet in the second league game of the series at the Drill Hall this evening at 9:15. The referee, Mr. O'Sullivan, will call the game sharp on time.

B. Y. P. U.—There was a good time generally at the inaugural winter social of the B. Y. P. U. of Calvary church on Monday evening, music, games and refreshments helping things to go pleasantly.

Wesleyan Naval Church.—Sailors and Marine and landmen and landslades will all take part in a capital programme at the tea entertainment to-night for the Wesleyan Naval church at Esquimalt. Mrs. Hicks and the ladies committee have been very busy making preparations for a good time.

Will Visit Port Angeles.—After a day's rest on the completion of their Victoria season, the Clara Matthes dramatic company take the Garland on to-day for Port Angeles, where they will make a three-night stand. Afterwards they open a continuous engagement of several weeks in Vancouver, before proceeding to the Kootenay country.

Country Road Repairs.—The improvement and general repair of the much-used Goldstream road, for which work a liberal vote was provided by the late provincial government, is now in progress and advancing very satisfactorily toward completion. The thorough overhauling of the Cordova Bay road has also been accomplished, with much credit to the foreman and his employees.

Might Have Been Much Worse.—While shingling the roof of a two-story residence at Oak Bay yesterday Michael Carmody, a carpenter living in Victoria West, fell to the ground, a distance of some 35 feet, with no more serious damage to himself than a simple fracture of the left arm, and one or two bad bruises. The softness of the ground on which Mr. Carmody alighted is to be thanked for his fortunate escape.

Two Notices.—Ald. Humphrey has two notices on the bulletin board at the city hall. The first aims at the destruction of the much discussed unsanitary shack on Cormorant street, and the other is a formal notice of his intention to ask leave to introduce the municipal elections by-law, 1898. This is a by-law introduced every year allowing property owners who have not paid their taxes to vote at municipal elections.

Only a Dead One.—On Monday evening Mrs. Smith, a resident of Blanchard street, handed over to the police an Indian woman, whom she charged with stealing a chicken. Mrs. Smith did not appear to prosecute yesterday, and from the story of the Indian woman the chicken was a dead one that she picked up on the street and was carrying with her when she called at Mrs. Smith's house.

Another Adjournment.—No final action yet having been taken by the provincial government in respect to the suspension of Police Magistrate Macrae, the board of licensing commissioners were compelled yesterday to adjourn their meeting for another week. The Bank Exchange saloon license, the disposal of which is the subject of the meeting, having changed hands, will probably not be interfered with by the commissioners when they do meet.

Civil Service Examinations.—Rev. Dr. Campbell, the examiner, yesterday conducted the preliminary or lower grade examination of the Dominion civil service. There were five candidates, and the subjects taken up were penmanship, orthography, arithmetic and reading.

To-day and to-morrow the qualifying or higher grade examination will take place. There are also five candidates for this. To-day the subjects will be penmanship, composition, arithmetic and geography, and to-morrow history, grammar, orthography and transcription. The optional subjects, typewriting, book-keeping and short-hand, will be taken up on Thursday and Friday.

Retribution.—By curious coincidence, following close upon the awful tragedy woven about the death of the young man Smith and Hammond, another somewhat similar case of swift retribution overtaking a murderer was reported by passengers from the Stikine on the Rosalie, which reached port early yesterday morning. The most direct and positive version of the matter is given by Mr. A. Denton, of Vancouver, who spent the season on the Teslin trail and is now at the Dominion hotel here. It relieves the police of the duty of punishing another crime, for Tom Wilson, alias McGregor, alias McGraw, has already paid with his life for that of the prospector Bottema. Details of the crime were briefly related in the Colonist a week ago. The killing was the culmination of several days' disputation induced by hardship and disappointment on the Hazelton trail. Wilson, the murderer, escaped and has since watched for him was instituted by the police at Glenora and the Teslin. Their inquiries to the Indians resulted in a party of natives taking the news to Telegraph Creek that they had found the wanted man—but found him dead in the river. He had been drowned in the Stikine near Grand Rapids through his raft breaking in the float ice, while attempting to escape. Mr. J. C. Callbreath, who came down the river with Mr. Denton, saw the body of the homicide fully identified and decently interred.

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THE DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Key Found in Hammond's Pocket Pits the Padlock of the Cabin Door.

This Is Another Indication That the Old Sailor Was the Murderer

The inquest on Henry Smith, the victim of the Saanich murder, did not take place yesterday as the provincial police were busy gathering together the links in the chain of evidence to place before the jury. There is no doubt that Hammond was the murderer, but to make the proof conclusive according to law is not so easy without something very definite to go upon. A number of witnesses were summoned and Sergeant Langley took up the Saanich end of the case while Provincial Constable Atkins attended to Esquimalt, where Hammond was last seen alive. A very important matter was the discovery that a key which was found on Hammond's body fitted the padlock which kept the Smith cabin door closed, and was found locked by Smith's father when the murder was discovered. This would seem to make assurance doubly sure that Hammond was the murderer, for the door could only have been locked after Smith had been killed and the body stowed away in the corner of the cabin so that it could not be seen by anyone passing the window.

A gentleman named Stewart stated last night that he had passed the Hammond cabin every week, but though he was within ten feet of the place he did not notice anything as he was not on the same side as the door. He saw a young man out shooting some distance from there and as he was a stranger to that part of the district, Mr. Stewart thought it just possible it might have been young Smith. This, however, does not throw any additional light on the tragedy for Smith must have been killed several days before that. His body was brought into town yesterday by Sergeant Langley and placed in the morgue, and it is probable if the post mortem is over in time that the inquest will be opened this afternoon.

It seems impossible to say whether Hammond changed his clothes after the murder, for everything in the cabin was badly spattered with blood and what clothing was there showed signs of this. The wash basin had a little bloody water in it, as if the murderer had washed his hands after he had disposed of his victim. It seems that Hammond could hardly have escaped getting some blood on his clothes, but if there had been anything like that on the clothes which he wore when he dropped dead it would certainly have been noticed at the inquest.

SAVAGES OF THIBET.

How An Explorer Describes Hitherto Unknown People Discovered by H. M.

Wm. J. Rein in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

My recent journey of exploration through Western China and Northwestern Tibet had been accomplished without disaster save for the enormous hardships required to pass over the vast mountain ranges of the Eastern Kuen-Lun system, and to combat the unalterable hostility of the fierce and barbarous races inhabiting this hitherto unknown region, which undesirable adjuncts we eventually discovered were the most menacing concomitants besetting geographical and scientific research in Central Asia. This journey, entered upon with trepidation and hesitancy, in view of the failure of generations of explorers who had gone before, carried us through over 2,000 miles of territory, never visited by a white man before, save from native reports a veritable terra incognita. We had left the cosmopolitan port of Shanghai early in the year, and, after running the gauntlet of shipwreck, disease, famine and the conquering of the hostility of those warlike races which beset our passage, by early summer had successfully penetrated up the current of the Yangtze-Kiang tributaries, the Kinsha-Kiang and Djia-Chu, to the border line between China proper and Tibet, where our campaign of exploration began in earnest the arduous and seemingly impossible journey through the untamed wilds of the Hoang-Ho. That we were able to succeed fully justified the accuracy of our contention—which had been viewed askance by the geographers—that in this manner only could this mysterious guarded land be entered and explored with any degree of success.

By this journey we were able to complete the work left unfinished by the Russian explorer, Prieselsky, and by the solving of the various geographical and ethnological secrets of the Eastern Kuen-Lun slope to give to the world for the first time some knowledge concerning this region, with accurate information of the many curious races and tribes inhabiting it. The most important of these investigations was that carried on among the Toungouts, a strange race, which, although numerically one of the largest in Asia, have hitherto, due to their unquenchable hostility, forbidden scientific research.

Numbering, as far as can be determined, nearly half a million people, they occupy the vast area lying between the sources of the Yangtze-Kiang and Hoang-Ho, although nomad offshoots are to be found generally throughout Eastern Tibet and Western China. It would be an utter impossibility to imagine a country more sterile and unpropitious than that in which they are domiciled. For its greater extent it is a bleak and repellent plateau covered with sandy and stony deserts. These are cut up at frequent intervals by snow-covered mountain ranges, and crossed by numerous shallow streams, which rise from the ground and disappear a few miles farther on, being practically of little or no use as available waterways. What little vegetation exists is sheltered upon the lower plains near to the tributaries of the Yangtze-Kiang and Hoang-Ho and on the slopes of the minor ranges. One seemed perpetually to be in an interminable country bordering on the Dead Sea, where desolation over reigns to mark an awful judgment.

One of the strangest of the Toungout tribes, and numerically the largest, are the Chui-Az, who occupy the entire southern plateau of Koko Nor and the region bordering on the ranges of the Baldwin Karak Ula. This strange race consists of a number of isolated tribes, differing widely in appearance and language. Thus it is no uncommon thing to find in one village a people with indubitable Mongol traces, while in another but a day's journey removed the

feature characteristics are unmistakably similar to those of the fierce mountain tribes on the Northern Indian border; the spoken language varying as widely, even common nouns representing the most familiar objects, such as a stone, a tree or horse, being widely dissimilar. The Chui-Az are not real Toungouts, but a sort of offshoots, who have intermarried with the Sifan or Tangutian tribes to the southward. The men are well grown and fairly good looking; but the females are the most repulsive creatures, with huge features, and having great faith in the pernicious habit of disfiguring themselves by numerous slits in the ears and nose, from which are hung small strings of metal beads. The males are nearly naked, and tattooed upon the stomach, sides and back so closely as not to permit an inch of the original flesh to be seen, especially when they are rubbed with red ochre, which seems to be the prevailing fashion. The only hair upon their person is a small tuft on top of the head, which is dressed into a cone shape and ornamented with feathers, or else carried down the back in greasy plait, in the case of the women stretched out on a fan-shaped frame.

As a race, they are a dirty and filthy lot of the most degraded savages, building substantial dwellings, except among the agricultural tribes, but with their herds of yaks and horses wandering over the country, living in tents made of yak skins or in a small hole dug in the ground, spending the time not consumed in attending to their cattle in sitting around small dung fires and drinking enormous quantities of tea—not the ordinary tea of commerce, but a bitter, insipid and altogether inferior mixture, consisting of dried yellow onion heads mixed with numberless other herbs. Although the most valorous and bold talking on boasting and buffoons, they are a cowardly race, never straying far from their own settlements and forsaking their villages without protest at the first intimation of a raid by the neighboring Toungouts and Sifan tribes, with whom they live in a state of constant hostility and dread.

There is no settled form of government, the constitution of society everywhere being very simple. Among the more advanced tribes rank is hereditary, otherwise the chiefs generally have little power, most matters being settled by a rude jury known as a "mulo," consisting of the old men of the tribe. Almost every crime is condoned by payment, this leniency causing brutality and bloody license which provokes long protracted feuds and wars, not only among individuals and members of the same tribe, but with other tribes. Almost constant aggression is the worst trait of this people, instigating sanguinary strife rather than punishing aggressions or misdemeanors.

The position of woman among the Chui-Az is very low, and the traveller in this country cannot fail to be struck by the hardness and misery of her lot. Although owing to the scarcity of females, a woman is a valuable commodity, she is treated in the utmost contempt, and her existence is infinitely worse than the very animals of her lord and master. Polyandry is generally practiced, increasing the horror of her position, for she is required to the slave to a number of masters, who treat her with the most rigorous harshness and brutality. From the day of her birth until death fortunately relieves her sufferings her life is one protracted period of abuse and degradation. She is called upon to perform the most menial and disgusting services, and the entire manual labor of the community, it being considered degrading in a male to engage in other labor than that provided by warfare and the chase. The rights to her possession by her numerous husbands is determined by age. When the oldest is not engaged in some expedition which keeps him absent from his village he places his boots and weapons over the door of the dwelling, and until he has gone the others are obliged to keep away, when the next in age takes up the joint property. Should the oldest husband die, however, the rights of succession are determined by force of might, which custom gives rise, not infrequently, to bloody and long protracted feuds. The life of woman, however held in little or no esteem, is taken upon the least compunction, and suicides among the female population are of frequent occurrence.

Among nearly all savage races a certain affection is manifested by parents in their offspring. Among the Chui-Az, however, such an abstract moral quantity as affection is absolutely unknown, and when one has witnessed the hardships attending the early life of the children of this strange race one cannot help wondering how they manage to survive. When a child is to be born the mother is driven from the village in which she lives, and is compelled to take up her abode in some other hut or cave in the open country, a scanty supply of food, furnished by her husband, being brought to her once a week by the other women of the tribe. The child being born, the mother remains with it for one or two months, and then, leaving it in the cave, returns to the village and informs her eldest husband of its birth and the place where she has let it. If the child is a male, some consideration is shown to her; should it be a female, however, her lot is freighted, for aside from the severe beating to which she is subjected by her husband, she suffers the scorn and contempt of those of her own sex. If the child is male, the husband goes to the place where it is hidden and brings it back to the village, shuns it as if it were the opposite sex, he is left to his own volition; sometimes he returns with the female infant, as often he ignores it entirely and allows it to perish, or may dispose of it to some other man as a prospective wife in the future for some depraved of its sacred relics being shunned by the others until the bones shall have been redeemed.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

NEW ENGLAND.
Wm. Dryer, Duncan, and Mr. & Mrs. Livingstone, Duncan.

DOMINION.
Antoine Deschamps, Teslin Lake.
J. Menzies, Teslin Lake.
E. Wingatayor, Teslin Lake.
J. M. Knobberg, Tlapa, Ariz.
F. J. Miller, Salt Lake City.
A. Denbow, Vancouver.
E. W. Cader, Medford, Ore.
Miss Ida Baldwin, Medford, Ore.
Charles Town and wife, Seattle.
A. McLean, Kamloops.
H. B. W., Co.,
C. & H. Little, Beacon Jones, Donated, sat on
R. B. & Son.

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Str. Islander from Vancouver.
Str. City of Kingston from Port Towns.
Str. Rosalie from Mary Island.
Str. Princess Louise from Westminster.
Str. Garland from Port Angeles.

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Str. Garland for Port Angeles.
Str. Queen City for Mary Island.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR 1898

The following persons are entitled to vote, namely:

FOR MAYOR.
Any person qualified to vote for aldermen is entitled to vote for Mayor.

FOR ALDERMEN.
The following persons are entitled to vote in any ward in which they may be registered as ratepayers, that is to say, any male or female being a British subject, and of the full age of twenty-one years.

(a) Who is the assessed owner of land or of improvements or the assessed occupier of lands situate within the municipality, or
(b) Who is the representative, duly authorized by the directors of an incorporated company which is the assessed owner of lands or of improvements of lands situated within the municipality, or
(c) Who is the resident of and carries on business and is the holder of a trades license in the municipality, the annual fee for which is not less than \$5.00, and who has paid on or before the 1st day of November, 1898, the full license fee therefor.

(d) Who is a householder within the municipality. "A householder" is defined as a person who holds and occupies a house or dwelling or tenement, or any part or portion of a house or dwelling or tenement, within the municipality, paying therefore a rental or rent value of not less than \$50 per annum. Householders must then pay all municipal rates, taxes and license fees, and also a service charge, rent on or before the 1st day of December, 1898, to entitle them to make the declaration as mentioned below, and in order to be included in the voters' list must, on or before the 1st day of December, 1898, enter their names with the assessor or clerk of the municipality as voters and make personally deliver to the clerk or assessor at the same time a statutory declaration on a form supplied by the assessor of the Municipal Election Act. Form of said declaration may be obtained at the office of Mr. W. W. Northcott, assessor, City Hall.

No Chinese, Japanese or Indians are entitled to vote.

By order,
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
Victoria, B. C., 8th November, 1898.

MOUNTING STEADILY.
The Fund for the Relief of Firemen Kinsey's Family Assuming Fair Proportions.

The systematic appeal that is being made to the public for the benefit of Mrs. Kinsey and her five fatherless little ones is producing excellent results, and already there is a substantial sum in the treasury as the basis of the contribution to assure their comfort. It is requested by Chief Deasy, who has taken charge of the organization of this direct and eminently practical charity, that contributors to the fund will leave their subscriptions at the fire halls or newspaper offices, or hand them to Firemen Sehl, Hodges or Wachter, who have volunteered to canvass the city in behalf of the fund. As yet none of the little folks of the public schools have been heard from in this relief work, although the fact that five very little Victorians are to be benefited should specially commend it to their generous young hearts. The total at present stands to \$190.10, the most recent subscriptions being acknowledged hereunder:

COLONIST OFFICE.

Previously acknowledged.....\$27.50
Robert Homann5.00
Mr. W. R. Jackson1.00
M. D.1.00
Mrs. Dimmud10.00
Miss Christie5.00
D. W.1.00
Gladys Cruelshank1.00

NO. 1 FIRE HALL.

Previously acknowledged.....\$60.00
J. M. Dickenson1.00
L. Dickenson1.00
R. J. Matthews1.00
W. M.1.00
Baby Bros1.00
R. Bray1.00
Westcott Bros1.00
Cash1.00
Friend1.00
G. H. M.1.00
Fullerton1.00
Friend1.00
J. McKenzie1.00
H. E. Levy1.00
Brown & Cooper1.00
22 Douglas street1.00
P. Williams & Co.1.00
Dowd & Associates1.00
Onion & Peacock1.00
Fell & Co., Ltd.1.00
John Weller1.00
M. R. Smith & Co.1.00
Speed Bros1.00
M. A. Stebbins1.00
J. Le C.1.00
J. T. Burroughs1.00
Shore & Anderson1.00
J. C. May1.00
Joe Brown1.00
Pook Lang1.00
G. D. Christie1.00
E. Wilson1.00
H. Fox1.00
A. Friend1.00
B. E. B.1.00
Japanese store, Fort Street1.00
R. H. Jameson1.00
Victoria-Phoenix Brewing Co.1.00
C. M. Cookson1.00
Donald1.00
G. Q.1.00
W. & J. Wilson1.00
H. L. Salmon1.00
J. E. K.1.00
Dinner & Rueckhaber1.00
M. Meliss1.00
C. Russell1.00
C. Maynard1.00

NO. 2 FIRE HALL.

Previously acknowledged.....\$104.25
R. McDonald (Clarence)2.50
Straker1.00
Those F. Gold1.00
Thomas Earle1.00
Turner, Beeton & Co.16.00
Wilson Bros. A.2.50
J. W. Todd & Son5.00
None1.00
Trinity Music Hall5.00
G. L. Jones3.00
W. Bryce1.00

NO. 3 FIRE HALL.

Previously acknowledged.....\$21.50
W. H. Flewin5.00
F. W. M. Smith1.00
A. E. W.1.00
W. Mek85
S. J. Lawson1.00
J. E. Murphy & Co.1.00
E. Ward & Co., Limited15.00
G.5.00
Andrew Fairfull2.00
H. B. T.1.00
H. B. W.1.00
& Co.2.50
C. & H. Little10.00
Beacon Jones2.00
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

FOR READY REFERENCE.
Steamer and Railway Time Tables, Fire
Alarm and Letter Boxes,
Etc.

THE WRONG NAME.

Sir: In to-day's issue of your valuable paper, I see myself referred to, as Dr. Lethbridge, as established in New Zealand, but my name is G. C. Leedebur, Mr. Bishop, the parson of the Danube, evidently did not quite catch my name; in other respects the statement is quite correct. If you would kindly call me by my true name, you would prevent any mistake.

G. C. LEDEBUR.

Vancouver, Nov. 6, 1898.

MARKET FACILITIES.

Sir: It is not alone the citizens of the city of Victoria who are pleased with the thought that at least an earnest and honest attempt is to be made to push Victoria to the fore, and make it what it ought to be. Its geographical situation intended to be. We living in the country district contiguous to Victoria, who look to it as the natural outlet for our produce, the market facilities we both buy and sell are also highly improved.

What appears to be its well-being and advancement. The public spirit shown at the meeting held at the City Hall, the evident interest of all the speakers to take up the bulk of the speakers to find where Victoria has lacked vitality and to do their best to use the remedy, whatever it may be, are noted and appreciated with much interest. The population means increased markets, while better streets, purer water and the taking advantage of nature's lavishness will assuredly bring to the people of the city its rewards. The sale of books of guide to tourists, to say nothing of the tourists All this is of vast importance to the farming population; but while the market itself may be satisfactory, it is not so with the marketing of cattle, doing great harm to the consumers of the city and the producers of the district around? If successful, the committee would have accomplished not the least needed reform in the estimation of many among them.

W. H. HAYWARD.

HOW TO IMPROVE VICTORIA.

This question is put very frequently, and is answered in various ways. The general answer is: Spend more money. I want to suggest another way—make more money, increase our trade. How can this be done?

The answer to that question is simple. Get the Klondike Gold.

The report of Major Walsh is the most sensible production of any official which I have yet seen on the subject.

It is a fact that the apathy shown by the people of Canada when the trade of the Klondike is mentioned.

The Major thinks the trade may amount to \$30,000,000 a year, and that that would be a fine market for the East of Canada.

It is to be hoped that the Man-

to-man and of the Northwest will be taken

as well as the produce of British Columbia, but the merchandising may be done by the cities of our Coast, by Victoria and Vancouver, and the same will be done by the same carpet-baggers; so if Eastern merchants wish to go into the trade they must establish themselves there.

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